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SUBJECT:SHIP PIRACY IN LAGOS HARBOR

REF: LAGOS 13636

- 1. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MERCHANT SHIPPING (AIMS) HAS CALLED DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION (ISF) FOR IMPROVING SECURITY FOR VESSELS CALLING AT LAGOS:
- A) NAVAL PATROLS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, NOT MERELY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS; AND
- B) ALL VESSEL ANCHORAGE AREAS SHOULD BE REGULARLY PATROLLED, NOT MERELY PORT AREAS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF STATEMENT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL THAT FMG IS STRENGTHENING ONLY DAWN-TO-DUSK PATROLS, ISF RECOMMENDATIONS SEEM WELL JUSTIFIED.
- 3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS IT IS LIKELY THAT UK, WEST EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS MAY URGE ADOPTION OF

ISF RECOMMENDATIONS ON FMG. UNLESS EMBASSY SEES OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE EMBASSIES IN LAGOS

REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF US PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS TO FMG. IF SUCH REPRESENTATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE KNOWN INFORMALLY TO FMG OFFICIALS US VIEW THAT ISF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE JUSTIFIED AND REASONABLE.

4. FOR LONDON: ISF MAY CONTACT SHIPPING ATTACHE REGARD-ING REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. PLEASE PASS ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ISF TO DEPT (EB/TCA/MA). VANCE

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